



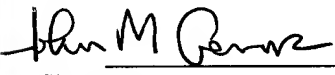
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| Attorney Name                                                                                                                                                                                                     | PTO Reg. No.      |
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**REPLY TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed  
October 3, 2000 (the "Notice"), enclosed is a copy of the Notice and an original Declaration for  
Patent Application signed by the sole inventor.

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Attached is a copy of a written assertion of small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1) and (2) filed concurrently in the subject application. Accordingly, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1703 in the amount of Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00) to cover the surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fee in connection with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Dated: November 2, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1) and (2)**

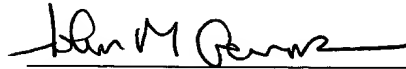
Sir:

The undersigned attorney represents that a determination has been made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(f) of entitlement to small entity status, and as a result of that determination, it is submitted that small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the referenced application.

Any fee due in connection with this communication should be charged to Deposit Account  
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